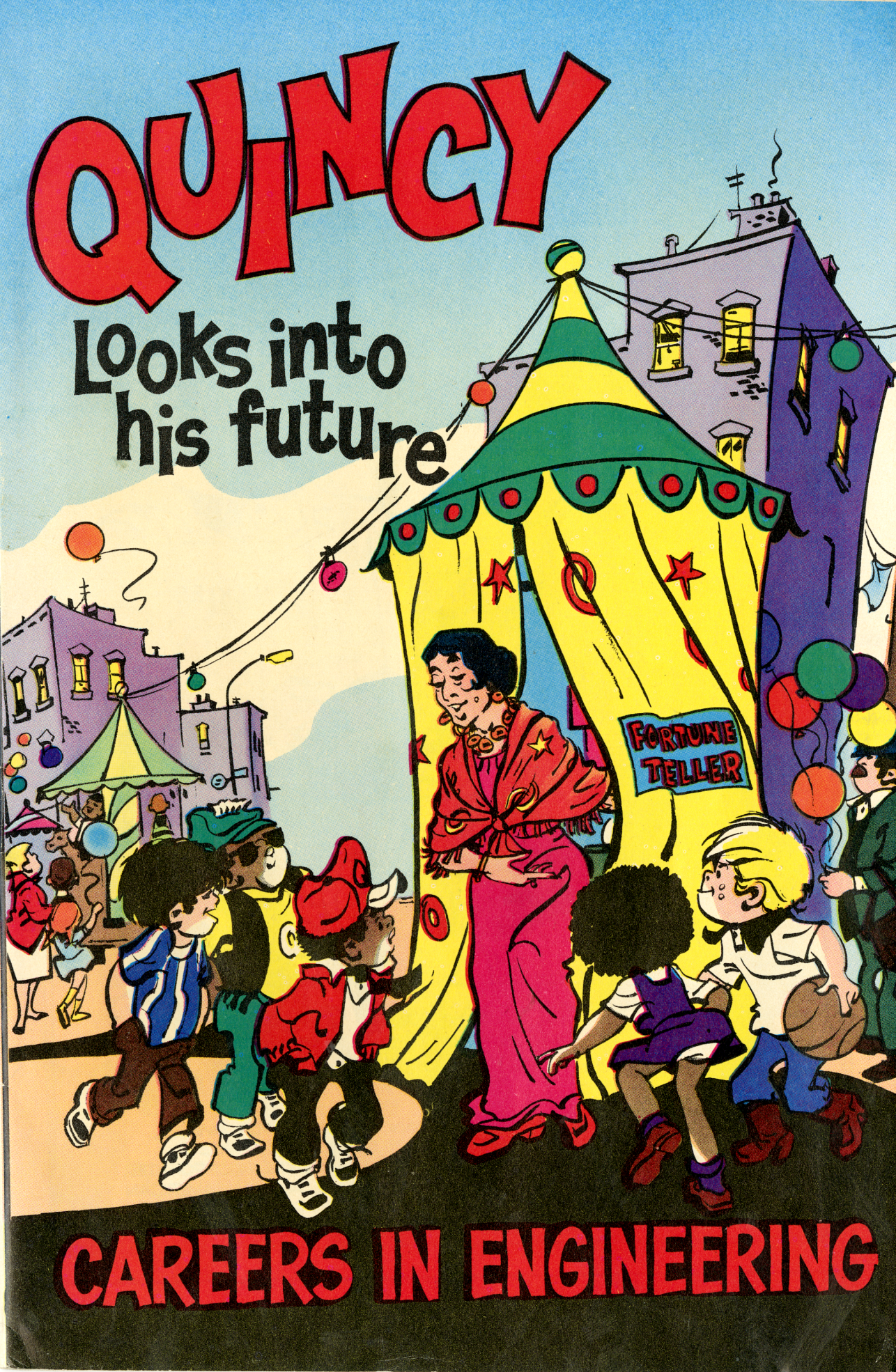
QUINCY
Looks into his future
FORTUNE TELLER
CAREERS IN ENGINEERING

Quincy and his friends

by
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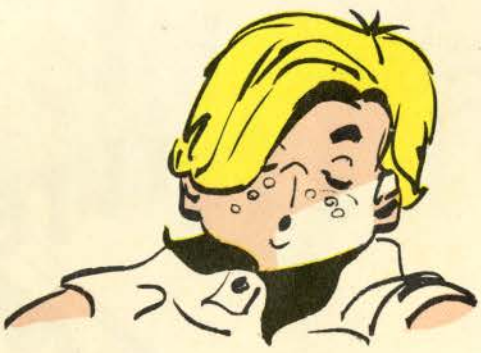

NICKLES

QUINCY

VIOLA

BIG KNUCKLES

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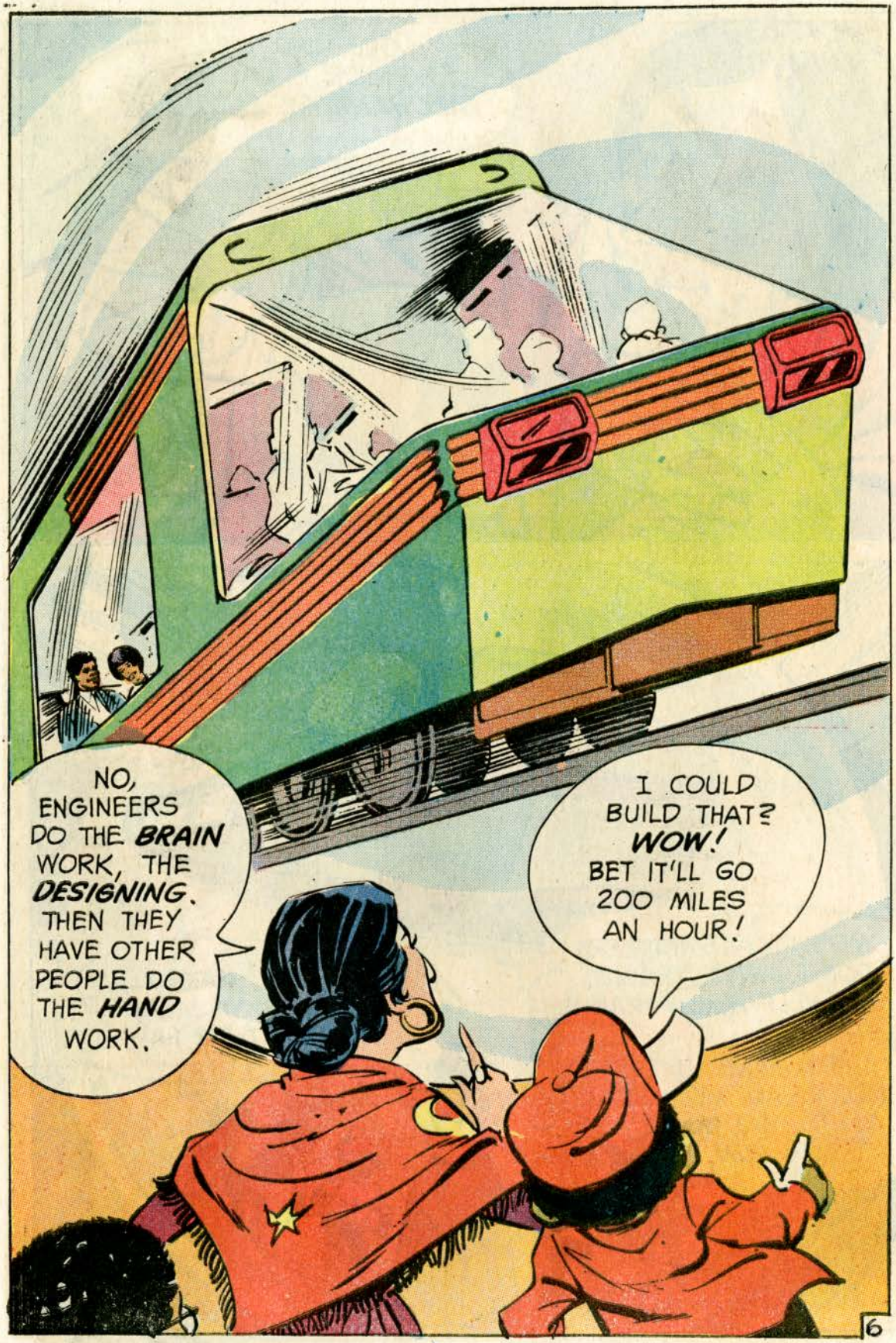
MAN, THIS STREET FAIR IS SOMETHIN' ELSE.
HEY, QUINCY, DIG THAT. A FORTUNE TELLER.
FORTUNE TELLER
SODA
TED SHEARER
1

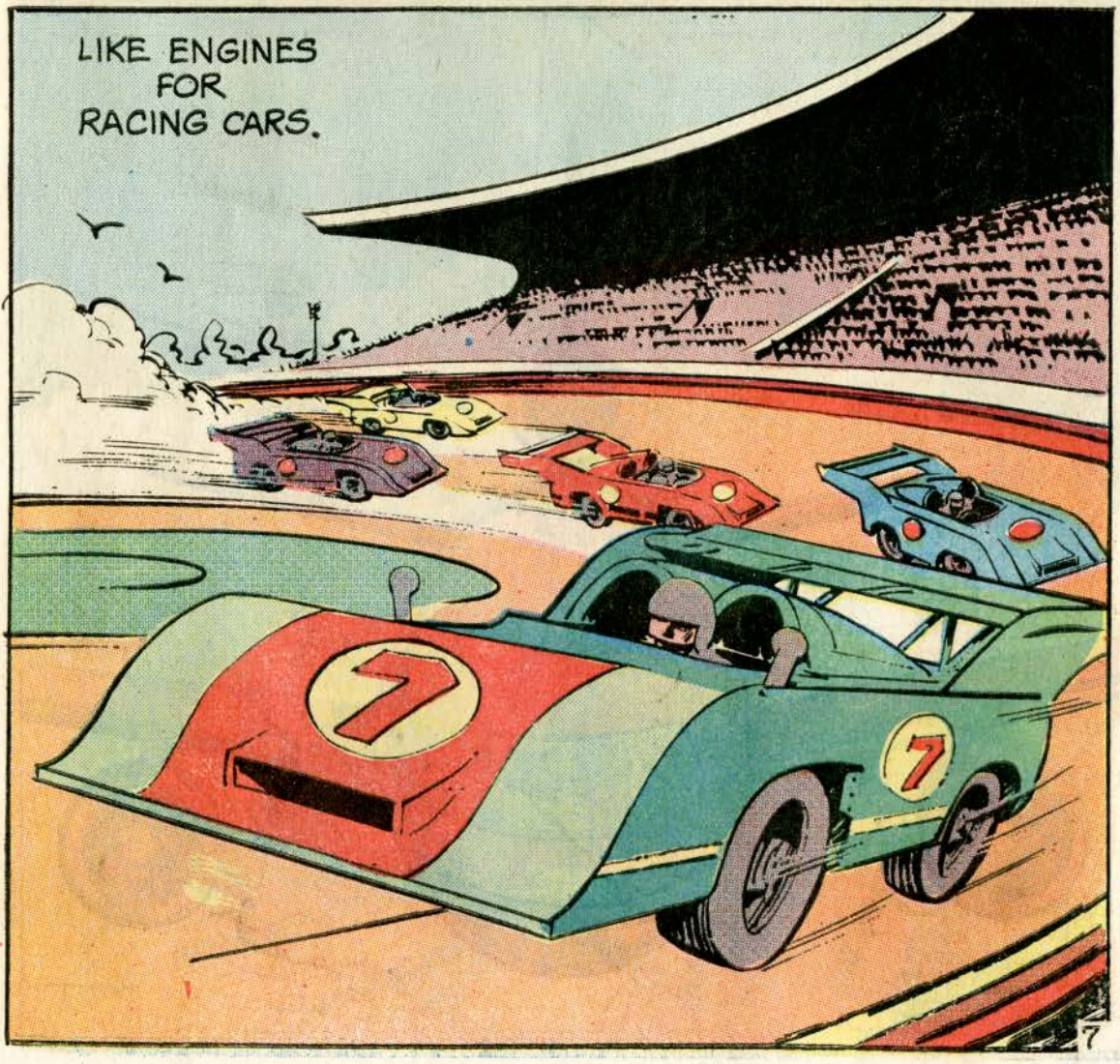
YEAH, AND ONLY A DIME... COME ON I'M GONNA CHECK OUT MY FUTURE
MAYBE WE CAN GET A GROUP RATE.
COME RIGHT IN, KIDS. LET'S SEE WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS.
2

QUINCY DIXON, I CAN SEE YOUR FUTURE NOW...
...YOU'RE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT... YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD THINGS... YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE LOTS OF MONEY!
QUINCY DIXON, YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN ENGINEER!
CHECK THAT. THIS DUDE'S GONNA MAKE SOME BREAD!
3

HA, QUINCY'S JUS' GONNA BE AN OLE *TRAIN DRIVER!*
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT KIND OF ENGINEER, KNUCKLES.
WHAT OTHER KIND IS THERE?
THERE ARE *LOTS* OF DIFFERENT KINDS...
COME WITH ME INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL.


NO, ENGINEERS DO THE BRAIN WORK, THE DESIGNING. THEN THEY HAVE OTHER PEOPLE DO THE HAND WORK.
I COULD BUILD THAT? WOW! BET IT'LL GO 200 MILES AN HOUR!

AND YOU COULD BUILD LOTS OF OTHER THINGS TOO, QUINCY.


LIKE ENGINES FOR RACING CARS.
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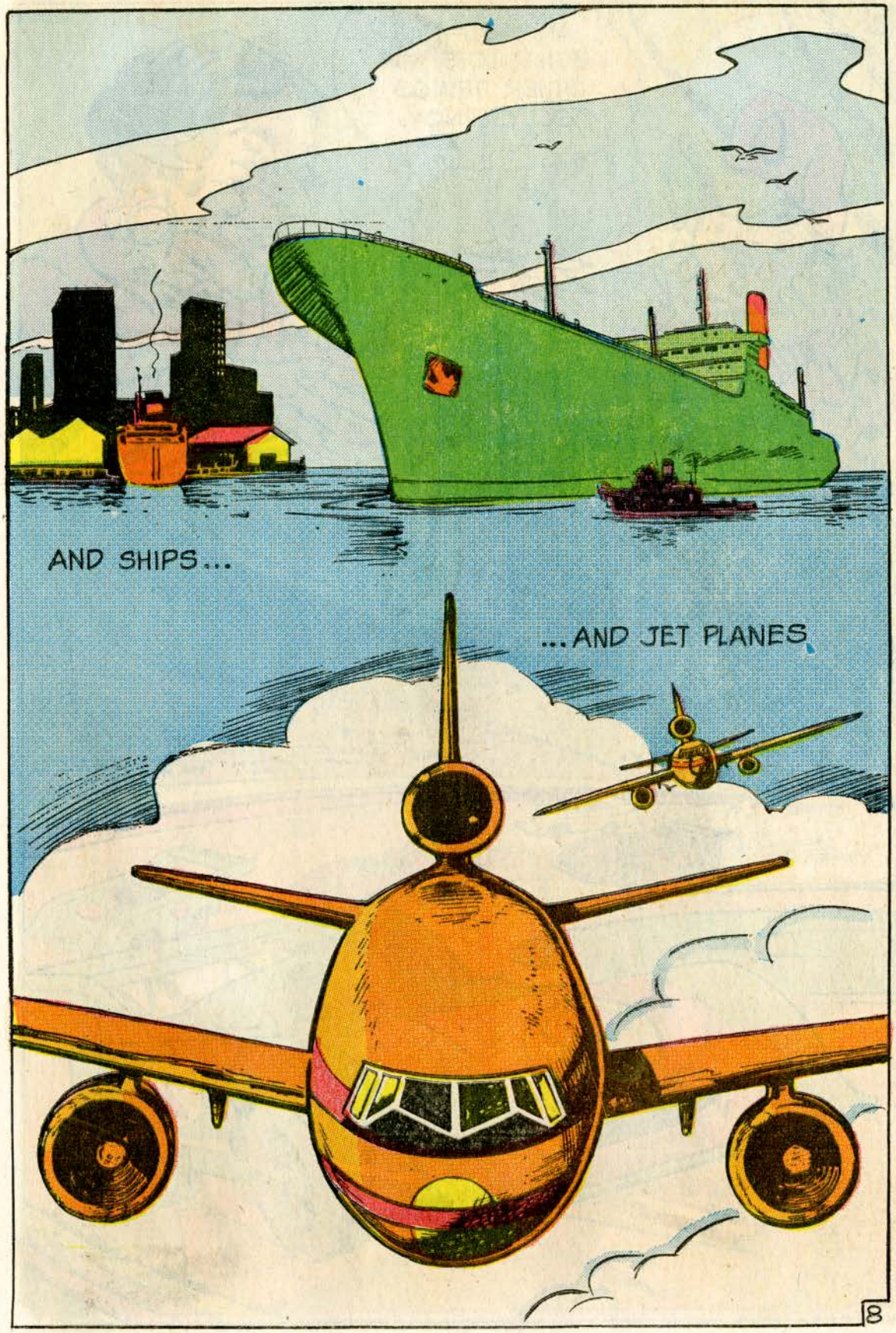
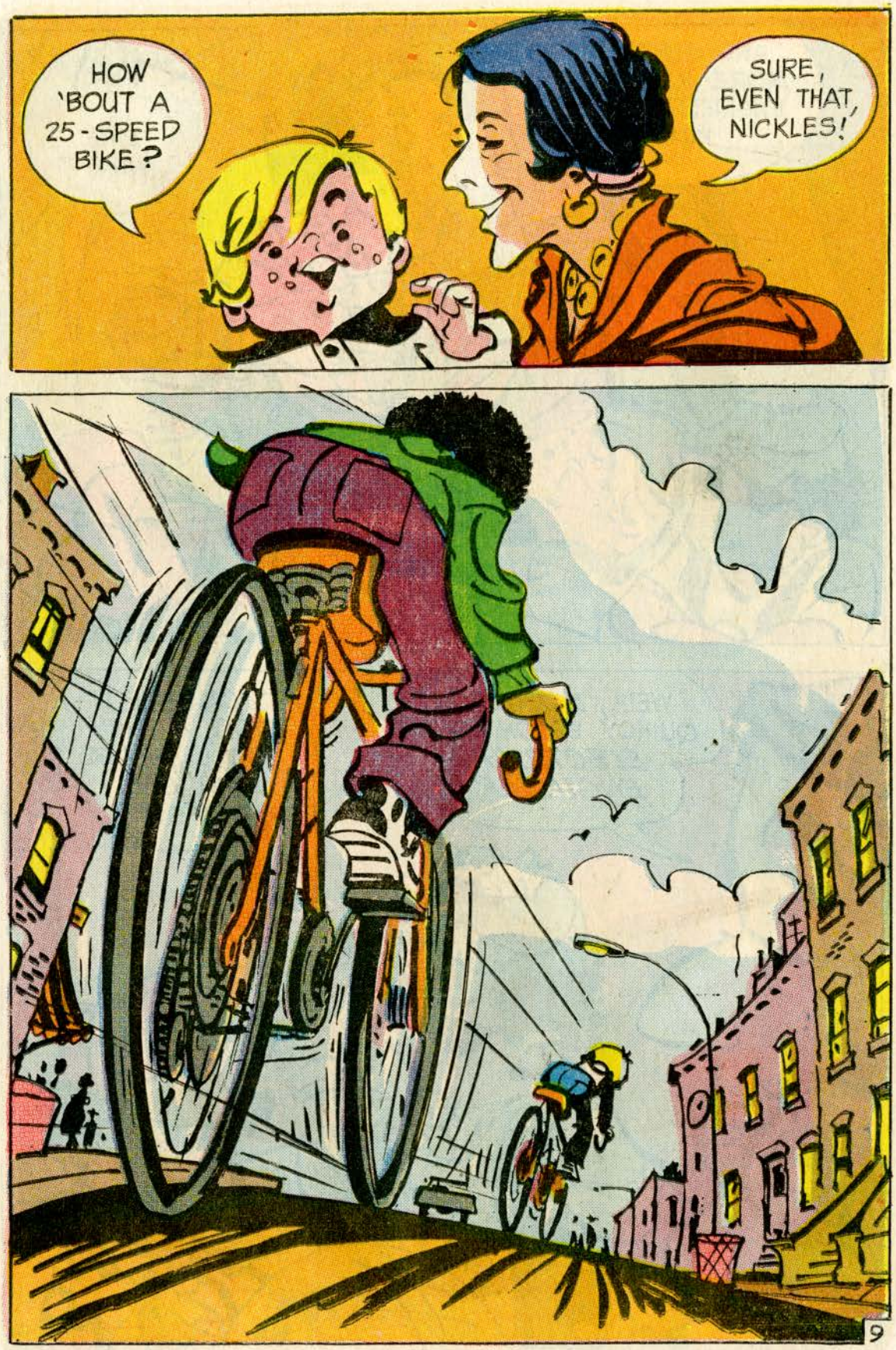

AND SHIPS...
...AND JET PLANES


HOW 'BOUT A 25-SPEED BIKE?
SURE, EVEN THAT, NICKLES!
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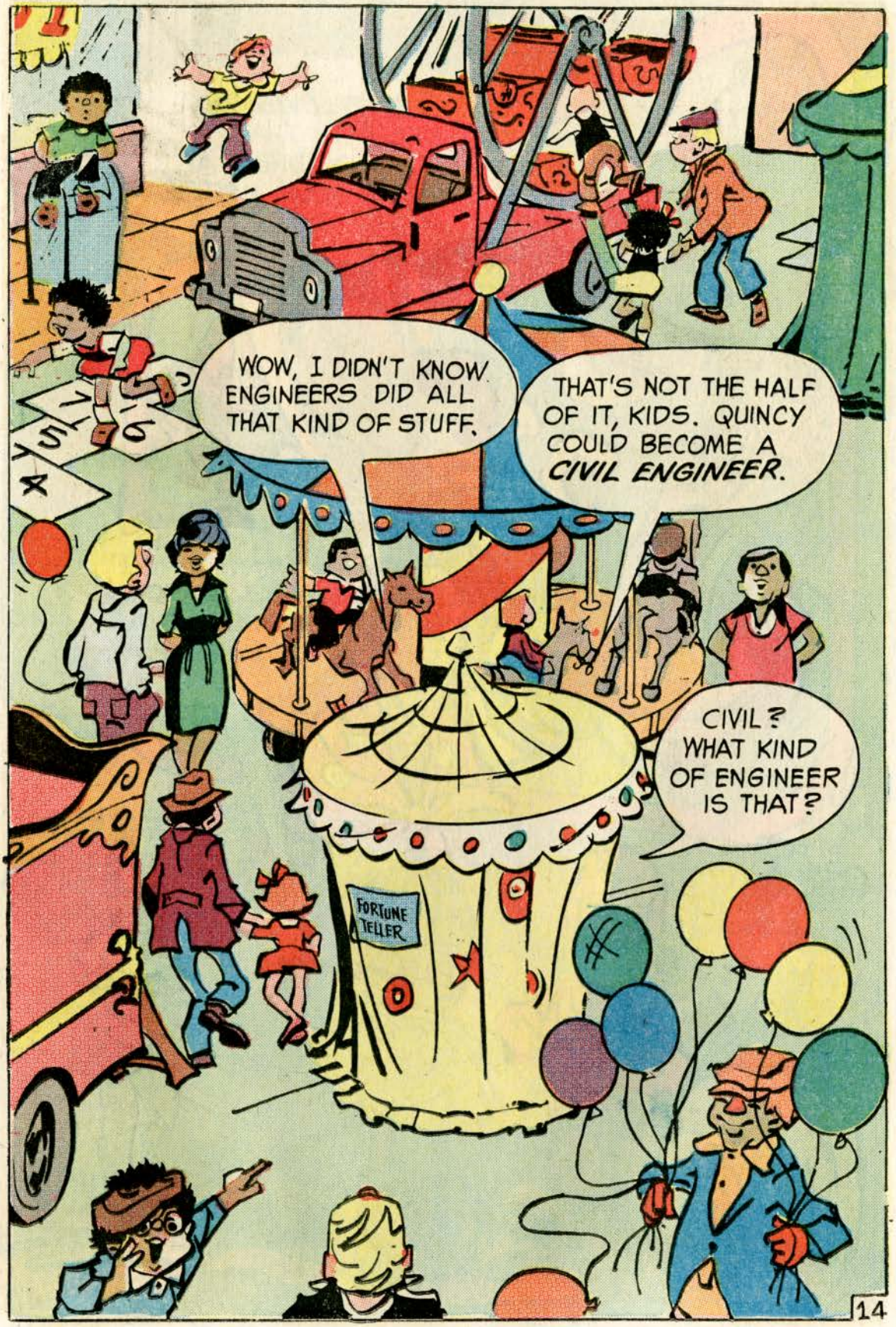
AND THERE ARE MORE KINDS OF ENGINEERS, TOO, KIDS...
LIKE WHAT?
WELL, I COULD SEE QUINCY BECOMING AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER!
I CAN SEE IT TOO, QUINCY. YOU'LL JUS' BE FIXIN' OLE TV's!

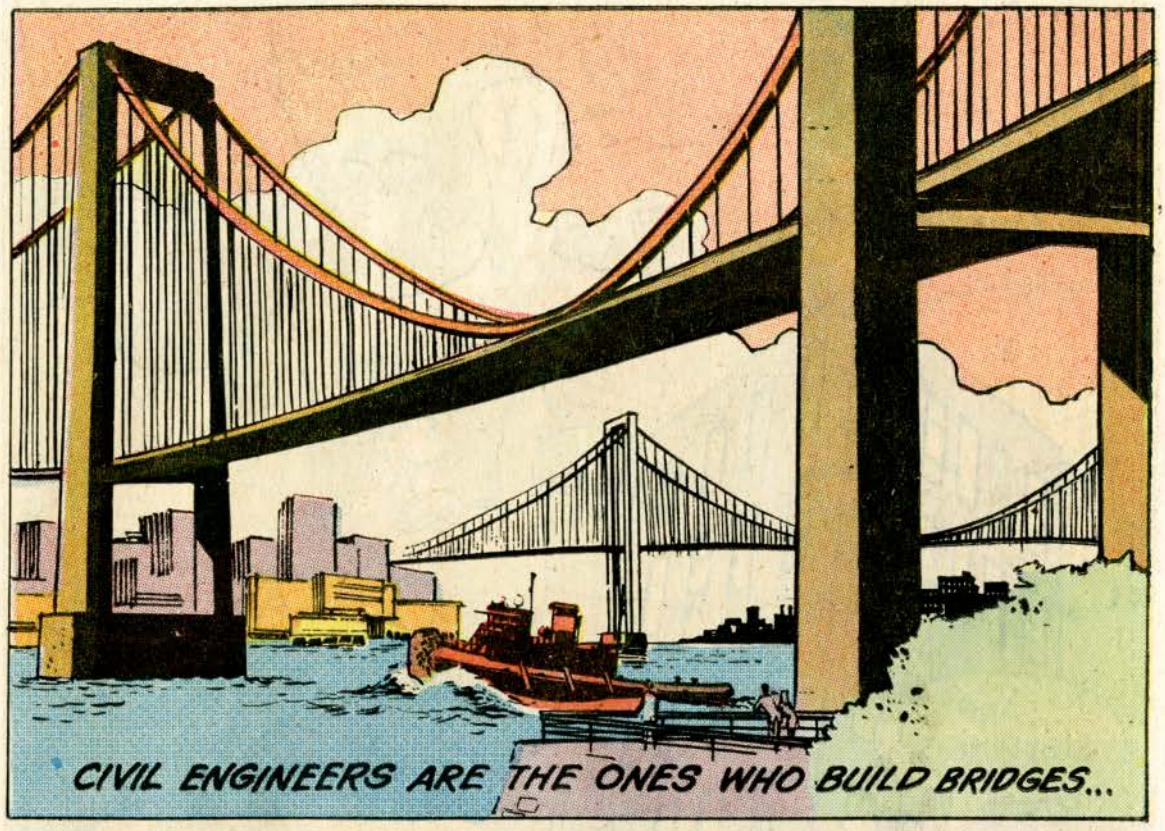
NO, KNUCKLES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS DON'T FIX THINGS. THEY DESIGN AND INVENT THINGS.

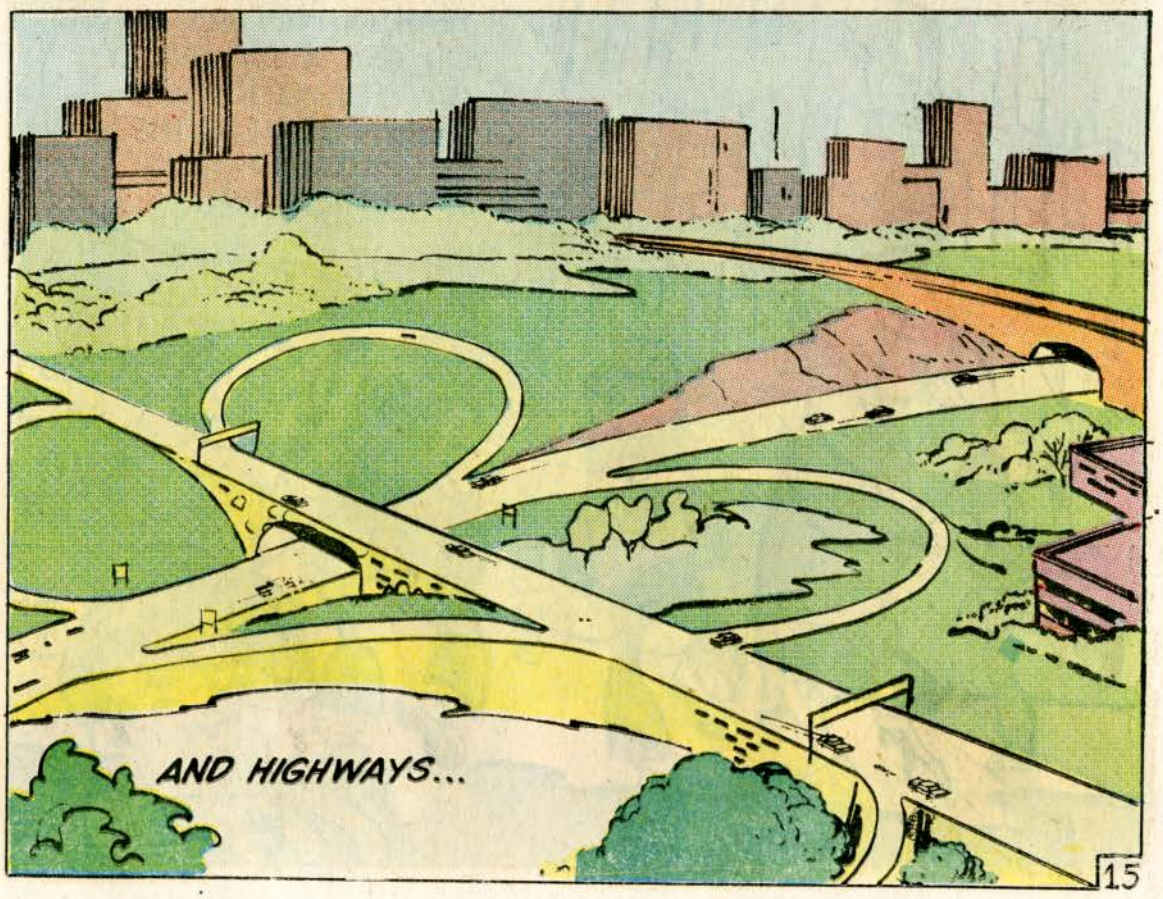
LIKE NEW KINDS OF STEREOS...
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'!

AND COMPUTERS...

AND TELEVISIONS... LIKE A TV THAT SHOWS PICTURES AS BIG AS YOUR WALL!
MAN, THAT'S LIKE STANDIN' IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERY PLAY.

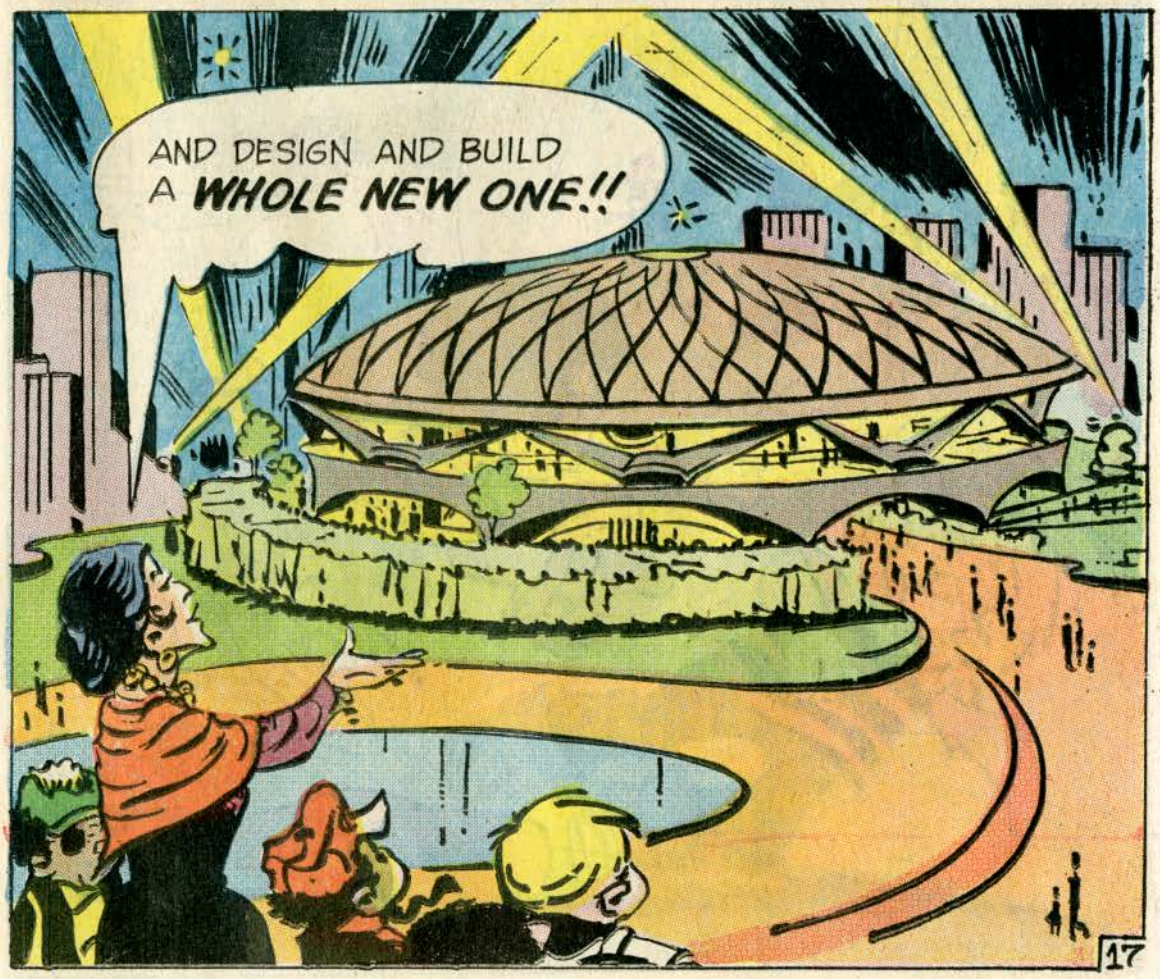

WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW ENGINEERS DID ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.
THAT'S NOT THE HALF OF IT, KIDS. QUINCY COULD BECOME A *CIVIL ENGINEER.*
CIVIL? WHAT KIND OF ENGINEER IS THAT?
FORTUNE TELLER


CIVIL ENGINEERS ARE THE ONES WHO BUILD BRIDGES...

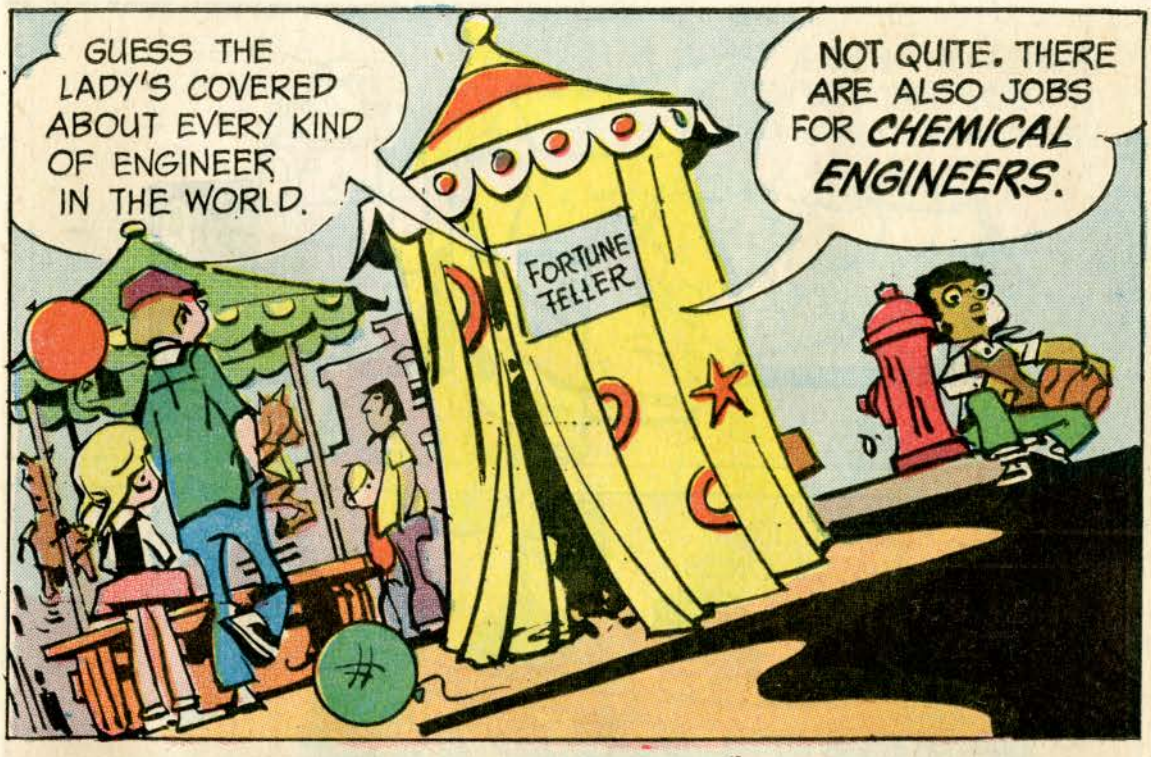

AND HIGHWAYS...

...AND BUILDINGS.
YEAH, QUINCY, AN' IF YOU GET *REAL* GOOD... I MAY LET YOU COME UP AND PLASTER THAT OLE CRACKED CEILIN' IN MY BUILDING.

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID, EVERYBODY... ENGINEERS DO BIG, IMPORTANT THINGS
THEY COULD TAKE AN OLD CITY...


AND DESIGN AND BUILD A WHOLE NEW ONE!!

YA MEAN WITH NEW PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AN' EVERYTHING?
THAT'S RIGHT, VIOLA!


GUESS THE LADY'S COVERED ABOUT EVERY KIND OF ENGINEER IN THE WORLD.
FORTUNE TELLER
NOT QUITE. THERE ARE ALSO JOBS FOR CHEMICAL ENGINEERS.

I KNOW, THOSE ARE THE CATS THAT WORK WITH THE BIG CHEMISTRY SETS.
THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE. THEY WORK WITH CHEMICALS TO DEVELOP ALL KINDS OF NEW MATERIALS TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS WITH.

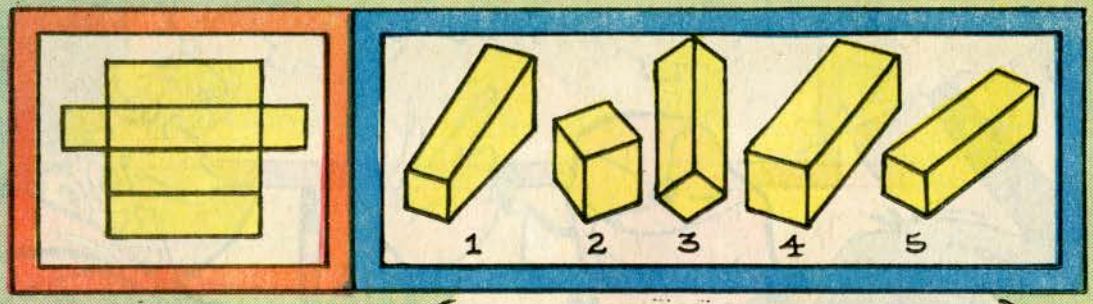
BRAND-NEW KINDS OF FOOD THAT YOU'VE NEVER TASTED BEFORE.

PLASTIC HEARTS TO REPLACE HUMAN ONES.

NEW KINDS OF RUBBER FOR MAKING BASKETBALLS AND SNEAKERS THAT DON'T WEAR OUT SO FAST.

WELL, QUINCY, NOW YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT ENGINEERS ARE.
YEAH, BUT I COULD NEVER MAKE IT AS AN ENGINEER. YOU GOTTA BE A GENIUS AT SCIENCE AND MATH!
THAT'S NOTHIN'. YOU EVEN GOTTA GO TO COLLEGE TO BE AN ENGINEER!
HOLD ON, EVERYBODY. ENGINEERING ISN'T AS HARD AS YOU THINK...
MATH AND SCIENCE ARE IMPORTANT. BUT OTHER TALENTS ARE IMPORTANT, TOO... TALENTS THAT SOME OF YOU MIGHT ALREADY HAVE. AND DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT.
HAVE I GOT 'EM?
HOW 'BOUT ME?

THAT'S RIGHT, QUINCY. VERY GOOD.
HECK, I KNEW THAT ALL THE TIME.
LET'S TRY ANOTHER ONE.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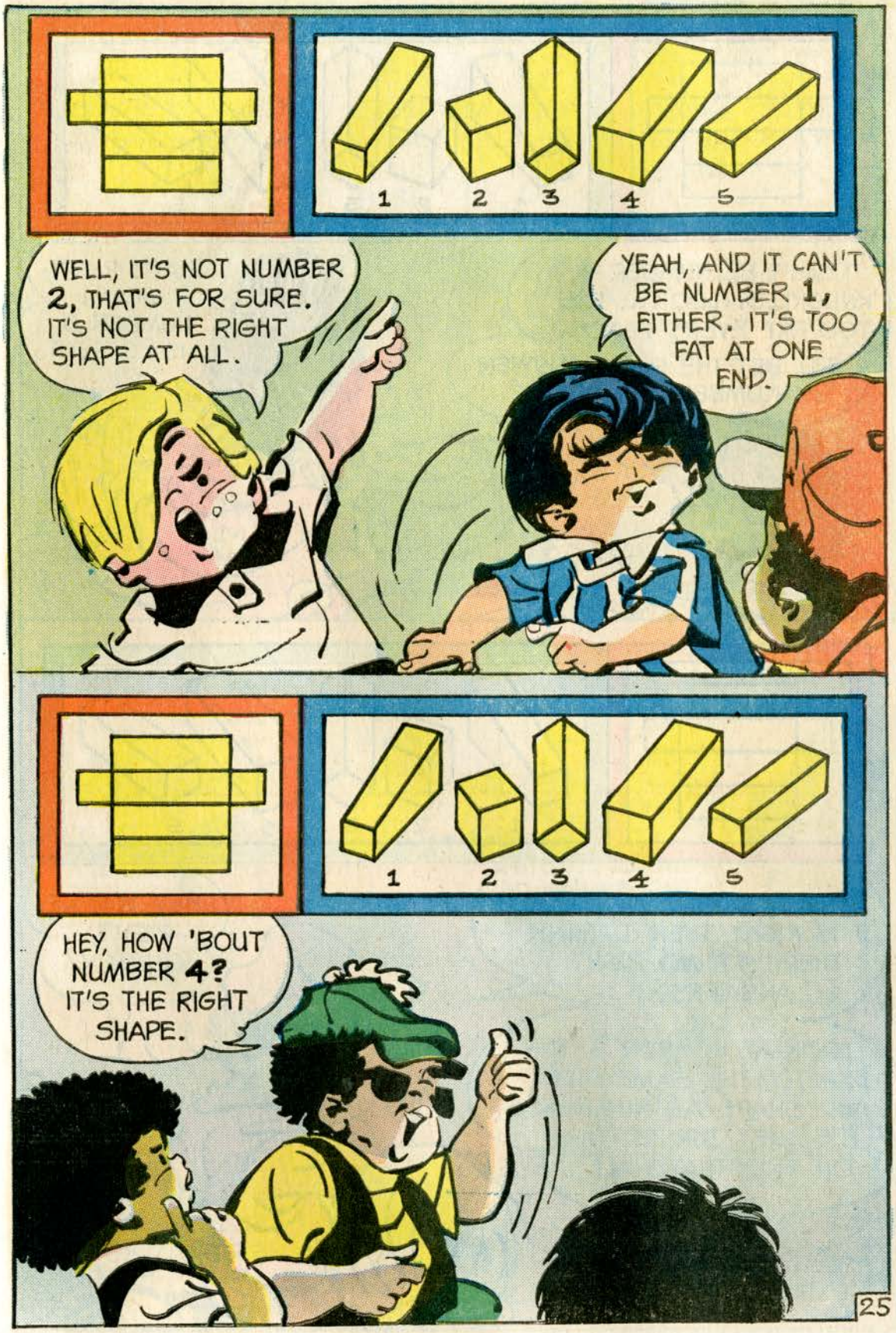
OKAY, EVERYBODY, LOOK AT THE DRAWING INSIDE THE **RED** BOX.
NOW, PRETEND YOU COULD TAKE THE DRAWING IN YOUR HANDS. THEN FOLD IT TOGETHER, WHERE THE LINES ARE, TO MAKE A SHAPE.
WHICH OF THE SHAPES INSIDE THE **BLUE** BOX WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?
REMEMBER, THE RIGHT ANSWER HAS TO BE EXACTLY THE RIGHT SIZE, AND EXACTLY THE RIGHT SHAPE.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WELL, IT'S NOT NUMBER 2, THAT'S FOR SURE. IT'S NOT THE RIGHT SHAPE AT ALL.
YEAH, AND IT CAN'T BE NUMBER 1, EITHER. IT'S TOO FAT AT ONE END.
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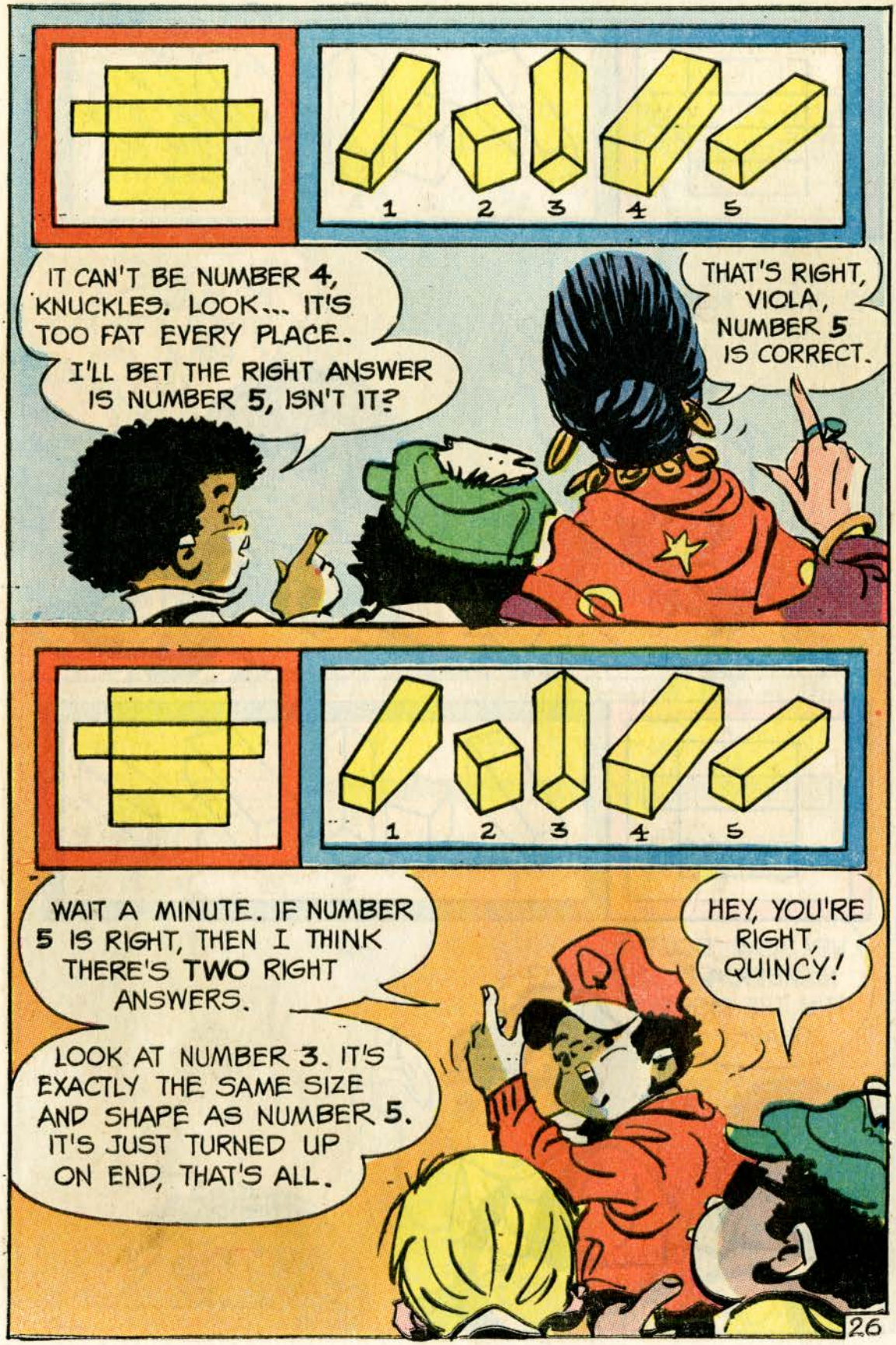
HEY, HOW 'BOUT NUMBER 4? IT'S THE RIGHT SHAPE.


1 2 3 4 5
IT CAN'T BE NUMBER 4, KNUCKLES. LOOK... IT'S TOO FAT EVERY PLACE.
I'LL BET THE RIGHT ANSWER IS NUMBER 5, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S RIGHT, VIOLA, NUMBER 5 IS CORRECT.
1 2 3 4 5
WAIT A MINUTE. IF NUMBER 5 IS RIGHT, THEN I THINK THERE'S TWO RIGHT ANSWERS.
LOOK AT NUMBER 3. IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME SIZE AND SHAPE AS NUMBER 5. IT'S JUST TURNED UP ON END, THAT'S ALL.
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT, QUINCY!

VERY GOOD, QUINCY. LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME OF THE TALENTS TO MAKE A FINE ENGINEER!
I DO? YA MEAN JUS' 'CAUSE I GOT THOSE QUESTIONS RIGHT.
WELL, QUINCY, A LOT OF PEOPLE COULDN'T DO THAT. YOU'VE GOT TO BE VERY GOOD AT FIGURING OUT HOW THINGS WORK. AND VERY GOOD AT SEEING HOW THINGS FIT TOGETHER... AND YOU ARE!
I AM? FOR SURE?
WELL, TELL ME SOMETHING. HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN ANYTHING APART- LIKE A CLOCK OR A TOY?
SURE, LOTS OF TIMES.
WHY?
WELL, 'CAUSE I...I GUESS I...LIKE TO FIGURE OUT HOW THINGS WORK.

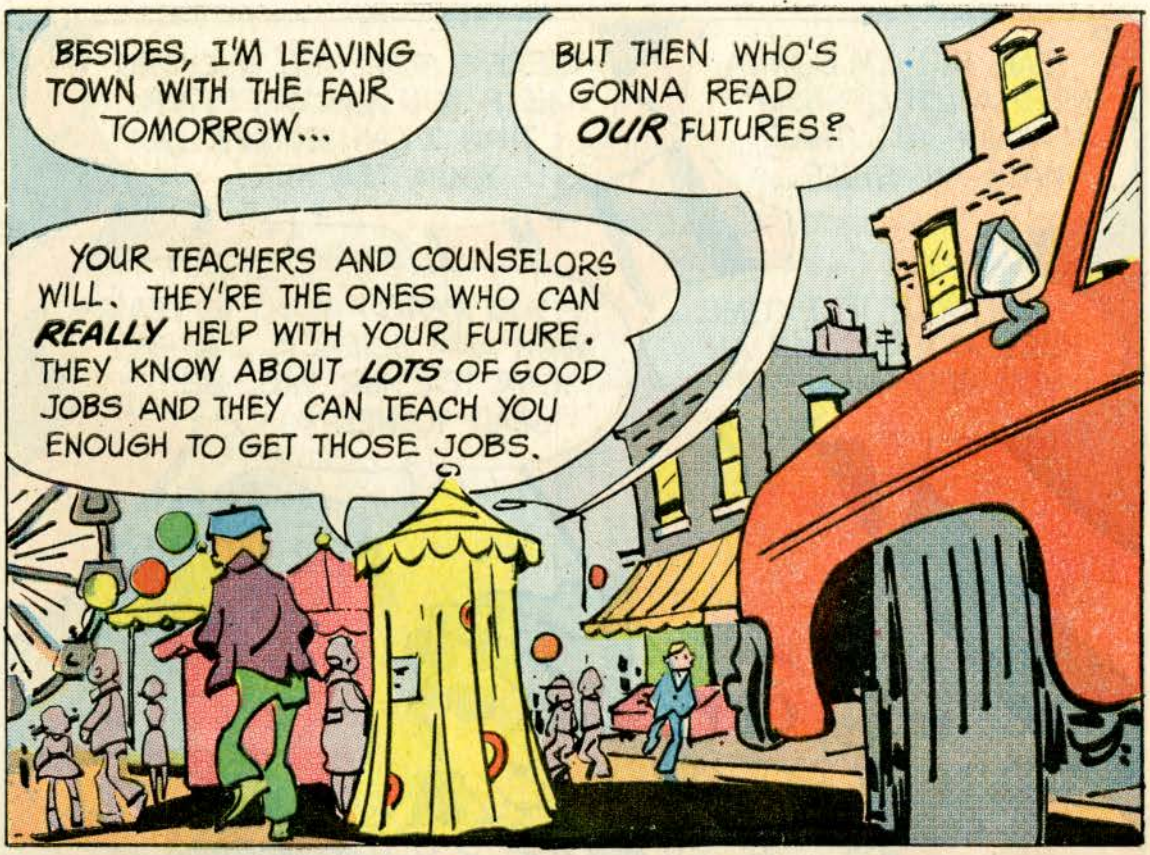
RIGHT! AND DO YOU LIKE BUILDING MODELS OR PUTTING PUZZLES TOGETHER?
MAN, QUINCY'S SUPER AT MAKIN' MODELS!

THERE, YOU SEE, QUINCY, YOU COULDN'T BUILD A GOOD MODEL UNLESS YOU WERE GOOD AT SEEING HOW THE PIECES FIT TOGETHER. NOW COULD YOU?

WOW! I'M PRACTICALLY AN ENGINEER ALREADY.
WELL, NOT YET. FIRST, YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD IN SCHOOL AND LEARN LOTS OF SCIENCE AND MATH.

OH...
BUT YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS, QUINCY. YOU CAN DO IT!

YEAH, BUT I'M GONNA NEED A LOT OF HELP LEARNIN' ALL THAT MATH AN' STUFF...
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU MUCH BETTER THAN I CAN, QUINCY... YOUR TEACHER!
HOW 'BOUT IF I COME HERE AFTERNOONS, AN' YOU HELP ME OUT?
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LEARN MATH AND SCIENCE, I'LL BET YOUR TEACHER WILL BE GLAD TO HELP!


BESIDES, I'M LEAVING TOWN WITH THE FAIR TOMORROW...
BUT THEN WHO'S GONNA READ *OUR* FUTURES?
YOUR TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS WILL. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO CAN *REALLY* HELP WITH YOUR FUTURE. THEY KNOW ABOUT *LOTS* OF GOOD JOBS AND THEY CAN TEACH YOU ENOUGH TO GET THOSE JOBS.

YEAH, LIKE QUINCY MAKIN' ALL THOSE DYNAMITE *CARS* AND *TRAINS*.
YEAH, AND PLANNIN' *NEW CITIES!*
YEAH, AND MAKIN' ALL THAT GOOD *BREAD!*

RIGHT ON, QUINCY! YOU'RE GONNA MAKE IT! YOU'RE GONNA BE AN ENGINEER!
HECK, MUCH AS I LIKE COOKIN', I MIGHT DECIDE TO BE AN ENGINEER MYSELF.
YEAH, THAT ENGINEERING DOESN'T SOUND BAD!
YEAH. THOSE ENGINEERS MAKE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S IMPORTANT. AND I MIGHT BE ONE!

I MIGHT DIG BEIN' AN ENGINEER, TOO.
...I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW...
QUINCY AND BIG KNUCKLES...
NO...
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IF QUINCY CAN MAKE IT, YOU CAN MAKE IT.

If you think Quincy seems a lot like you, there's a good chance you could make it in engineering, too.

For instance, remember those tests on pages 22-26? Quincy figured out the answers. Did you?

And how about when Quincy said he likes to take things apart. Have you ever taken a clock or toy apart just to see what made it work?

And what about building things? Do you like to put models and things together the way Quincy does?

Okay, a few more questions.

Are you curious about lots of different things? Are you the kind of person who asks lots of questions?

And, last, do you like math and science? Do you get good grades in them? (If you don't, *could* you get good grades if you really tried?)

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